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AMUSEMENTS FOR TODAY.
Salt Lake—Nance O'Neil in "The Sorcerer."
Orpheum—Matinee and night, vaudeville.
Grand—"Human Hearts."
Lyric—"A Gypsy's Romance."

WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.
Cloudy; rain.
THE METALS.
Silver, 66 per ounce.
Copper (casting), 24 1/2 per pound.
Lead, 56 per 100 pounds.

THE GREATEST GOOD.

Discussion of the coal situation as developed in the legislative hearing has brought out a number of freak deductions by those who refuse to see anything but one side of the question. For instance, it is urged that lower freight rates to market would help independent operators and benefit the consumers.

How? Well, when you ask how a lower rate is to benefit the consumer, the answer invariably is that the consumer would get coal cheaper if the rates were lowered. The conclusion is by no means conclusive. The coal companies have been unable to supply the demand at the present high prices and there is no prospect that they will be able to supply the demand so long as labor continues to be scarce. Every operator in Utah and Wyoming could double his supply at current prices and still fail to meet the demand. If the state rate were lowered, no law could compel the companies to continue shipping to the Utah markets so long as other markets clamor for coal; and so long as demand regulates prices, operators are not likely to insist on selling for less in Utah than they can get elsewhere.

Another point: How is an independent operator to get coal lands in sufficient acreage to justify operation on a big scale? The existing companies cannot extend their holdings, cannot even open large holdings they supposed they owned because their titles are disputed by the United States government. New locations are out of the question because coal lands have been withdrawn from the market. No individual or company would attempt to open a coal property involving the investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in the present uncertain condition of titles acquired from the government, and no sensible business man is going to invest any such sum in the midst of agitation and disturbance of confidence in the coal business.

It may be argued that lower rates would tempt capital to go into independent coal operations and enable independents to sell coal lower than current prices. That is another questionable conclusion. Coal operators, independents as well as others, do not invest in mines as a measure of philanthropy or health. Tell them they must undersell the old companies and see whether they will be so anxious to enter the field and risk their money in large amounts. If any inducement would be effective to independents it would be the assurance that present prices would be maintained, no matter what freight rates might be.

The monopoly of coal lands so long maintained has handicapped production, the discrimination between companies and individuals has been a grave evil, in times past the profits on coal may have been excessive and unjust, but under present conditions, with labor not to be had, with four states clamoring for coal they cannot get, even at existing prices, it looks foolish to talk of compelling producers to sell at a price fixed by legislation when so many markets unaffected by the legislation would still remain open at high prices.

The coal companies in the past have not invited fair treatment, but when they are straining every resource to avert a famine, when they deliberately sacrifice some revenue to supply large communities at standard prices, when they are being urged to ship to far-away states at big prices and refuse to do so to meet emergencies at home, they are certainly entitled to some consideration on the facts as they are.

Another thing the newspapers and members of the legislature interested in the agitation for lower prices assume that no man can be honest who does not agree with them; they have a monopoly of all the virtue, the public spirit and the wisdom in sight. Those newspapers and individuals who ask for fair play, who believe that even a railroad, with its millions at stake, is entitled to consideration at the hands of the legislature, are dubbed enemies

of the state, their motives are impugned and their public acts assailed as though they were criminals.

Is it a crime to think that the railroads have done a great deal for Utah? Ought a man be sentenced to eternal infancy because he thinks the development of this state and its neighbors is largely due to the transportation lines and the men who have risked their money in the construction of the lines? Isn't there room for an honest difference of opinion on this as on other questions of the public welfare and the best means of attaining it? Do the real estate men, who have officially recorded their opposition to the railroad commission, have less of interest in the progress of the state than do the men who pose so strenuously as public benefactors in their demand for a commission?

Has anybody seen any signs of irreparable injury done to Salt Lake by the activity of the railroads within the past five years? And isn't it true that the state and city in the last five years have made the greatest progress they have ever known? One might as well argue that the advance in real estate is due to the high retail price of coal as to assume that the whole future of the city and state depend upon the passage of punitive railroad legislation.

The men who are trying to weigh the facts and reach a conclusion that shall result in the greatest good to the greatest number are entitled to reach their conclusions honestly, without intimidation from either side, and to record their convictions in their final votes without suspicion of ulterior motives.

THE PROMISE OF TODAY.

The blindest of men must be impressed by the indications of a mining season now under way which will surpass anything the west has ever known, probably anything the world has ever known, either in actual production or in prospective development. Last year was phenomenal in its activity along the lines of exploration, the opening of new camps and new properties and the stimulation of interest in mining investments, east as well as west. This year is to see the realization of hopes based on the solid foundation of things already achieved.

In Utah the great copper properties will come into full productive capacity and the plants allied to the Bingham interests will astonish those not already familiar with the magnitude of their output. Park City is on the eve of a new era following the consolidations and settlements of the last few months. The Bamberger combination and the new plans of the Silver King organization ought to eclipse anything in this country in the way of silver-lead production. In Beaver county, where the Newhouse properties are already astonishing the mining world, the promise of further surprises is bright. Further south and west the new gold camps near the state line are doing business in a most satisfactory way and inducing investments that will add to the productivity of a rich but comparatively unexploited territory.

Across the Nevada line the old camp of Pioche is going to revive the glory of its palmist days. Ely is already conceded to be one of the great copper camps of the country, even though it has not got under full headway. Beyond, to the far west and south, the marvels of Nevada are attracting the attention of every mine operator on the globe. Goldfield, Tonopah, Manhattan, Fairview, Yerington, Rosebud and Bullfrog camps, Lee district, Johnnie, Greenwater, Searchlight—clear to the Colorado the old Sagebrush state is demonstrating its right to be known as the most wonderful mining area on earth. With a record of something like \$25,000,000 in gold production for last year, it has only begun to do business in a producing way.

Railroads are reaching out into territory that five years ago was hopelessly lost in the desert waste. Men and money are pouring into the camps; hardly a day passes that some new development of actual work does not surprise a people accustomed to the unexpected. The most conservative statement of the wealth in sight could not begin to tell the remarkable story of this surpassingly wonderful metamorphosis in a state that the uninformed not long ago were wont to regard with amusement if not disdain.

To Salt Lake this year of development will mean much. It means the addition of great wealth to the city's mining men who have been wise enough to foresee the promise of this region and invest in its future. It means an era of great building activity, a stage in its development from the small city to the capital of a great region. It means public improvement and private investment on a big scale.

It is to be the greatest year the city has ever known.

The Rand gold companies of South Africa paid dividends during the year 1906 to the amount of \$27,036,828. This constitutes a record. The total dividends paid since the South African war, says Reuter, amount to \$97,855,432. South African mines not in the Rand district paid dividends last year amounting to \$823,374. One diamond mine paid \$1,265,000 dividend; the coal companies \$601,100, and the financial corporations, \$5,862,000.

It may be that the big bills missing from the Chicago sub-treasury just walked out of the building of their own accord, since it was shown in court that nobody stole the \$63,000 which the government institution in St. Louis is short.

Possibly there was a string tied to Judge Beatty's resignation. At last accounts it hadn't reached Washington.

SOCIETY

Mrs. E. J. Jolly, formerly of this city, and well known here in both social and musical circles, has recently given two concerts in Placerville, Cal., of which glowing accounts are given in the local papers. Mr. and Mrs. Jolly now make their home in Oakland and Mrs. Jolly is one of the leading church singers of that city. The articles in the Placerville Nugget and the Republican both speak highly of the work of Mrs. Jolly, making especial mention of "Thou Brilliant Bird," which is said to be one of her best numbers.

Miss Gratia Flanders entertained at a dinner last evening in compliment to Mrs. Clarence Brown, the guests being mostly the old friends of Mrs. Brown when she made her home in Salt Lake. Those invited to meet her were Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Beatty, Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Plummer, Miss Osterberg and Mrs. Ryan.

Mrs. R. C. Dugan was the hostess yesterday afternoon at an informal tea also in honor of Mrs. Brown, the guests being the members of the Birthday club of former years.

Miss Rose Shuman has been spending a few days in Salt Lake, having come up from Goldfield, where she is in the brokerage business.

Judge and Mrs. Thomas Marioneaux expect to be in their new home on E street within a few days.

Mrs. Sheldon L. Butler and her little daughter, Marguerite, expect to leave tomorrow to join Mr. Butler in New York.

Mrs. Lee Charles Miller will entertain at a luncheon on Friday next, in honor of Mrs. Clarence T. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe M. Breeden are expected home from their wedding trip the last of the week.

Mrs. Charles will entertain at a bridge party tomorrow afternoon at her apartments in the Bransford.

Major and Mr. A. M. Smith, of Fort Douglas, will entertain a few friends at bridge this evening.

Miss Florence Bohm, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. MacMillan for a few days, left Sunday for her home in Ogden.

Mrs. E. T. Harvey will entertain at a luncheon on Thursday, in compliment to Mrs. Clarence T. Brown.

Mrs. Guy Sterling entertains today at a luncheon for Mrs. Brown also.

Mrs. June Sadler Donnell will entertain at a dancing party Saturday evening at the Ladies' Literary club house.

Mrs. J. Walcott Thompson, who has been in New Orleans with her mother, Mrs. Bishop, for some weeks past, is expected home Friday evening next.

Miss Greta Cardon and Miss Josephine Thatcher, of London, are in town for a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. Hanaauer and Miss Fannie Hanaauer returned yesterday, after spending a month at Atlantic City.

Leroy A. Palmer, of Grand Rapids, arrived last evening to visit relatives.

Several of the women interested in the Canyon Crest Ranch association will hold a sale of home made cakes at Walker's store on Saturday. A feature of the sale will be some novelties in boxes which will also be sold.

The Women's club meets this afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Johnson, when Mrs. Johnson will read a paper on "Are Crime and Degeneracy on the Increase?"

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

370—John T. Gohmert, Salt Lake, Lillian B. Hooper, Salt Lake.
371—J. A. Stoekey, Salt Lake, Christina Peterson, Salt Lake.
372—Peter McKie, Garfield, Marie Dittmors, Garfield.
373—Fred J. McElroy, Kansas City, Maggie May Jones, Mordis.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

James Jensen et al. to Jordan school district, lot 2, etc., Flagstaff addition, Sandy \$ 700
Elizabeth Connor to R. P. Soxville, part of lot 7, block 22, plat A 5,000
H. Cutler to C. E. Flowers et al., lots 23 and 24, block 3, Perkins' first addition 1,250
E. B. Wicks to Jane Peterson, lot 14, etc., block 4, south L.A.W. 5
H. J. Bowden to John L. Nebeker, land in section 5, township 2 south, range 1 west 1
John L. Nebeker to Carlos William Poulton, land in section 5, township 2 south, range 1 west 7,000
John Schwin et al. to George Spencer Chambers, part of lot 5, block 19, plat B 1

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